

REMARKS

This paper is filed concurrently with the application papers requesting filing and immediate examination of a United States national application based on international application no. PCT/IB2003/004922, filed September 29, 2003, claiming priority to US provisional application 60/414,103, filed September 27, 2002.

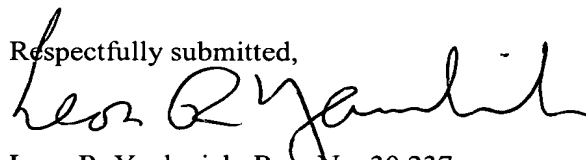
The first paragraph of the specification has been amended herein to provide updated information regarding related applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78.

A check (No. 6238) in the amount of \$ 2,110.00 to cover the national stage filing fees accompanies these papers, and the fees are calculated taking the foregoing amendments into account, since the amendments eliminate some multiple dependencies from the claims. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is specifically authorized to charge any additional fees deemed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or any of the accompanying papers, or to charge other fees necessary to complete this US filing to Deposit Account 50-0268.

The foregoing amendments to the claims are clerical in nature, e.g., they either eliminate improper multiple dependencies or clarify the claim language to aid examination without substantively changing the claim. The claims are thus presented in proper form for review in the USPTO. It is not the intention of the Applicants to abandon any of the inventive subject matter disclosed in the application as originally filed.

Support for the amendments is apparent in the original claims 1-40, and no new matter is added thereby.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and examination of the claims as amended are requested.

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